
AGM - Home Birth Aotearoa Trust

Sunday, 03.1.2019

Meeting opened 0300PM

Meeting closed 0400PM

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Attendees

Eva Neely - Trustee, Chairperson

Sharon Knightbridge - Trustee, resigning

Vivienne Oliver - Incoming Trustee

Karen Walker - Trustee

Ali Woodhouse - Incoming Trustee

Larissa McCarthy - Incoming Trustee

Sarah Lockwood - Incoming Trustee, Treasurer

Sophia Paskell - Incoming Trustee


Andrina Palmer - Incoming Apprentice Trustee

Kirsty Wilkinson - Trustee resigning to Trustee Apprentice

Alesha Hobbs - Administrator, Secretary

Sian Hannagan - Web and Social Media Contractor

Brogan Mack, Carla Sargent, Rose Fisher, Bobbie-Jane Cooke, Violet Clapham, Pamela Roger, Joni Meadows, Rhiannon Leach, Jamara Bathgate, Vivienne Hill, Vivienne Easton



Eva Neely opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of the HBAT and existing trustees.

This was followed by a confirmation of attendees, apologies and quorum.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Last AGM minutes read and ratified by:
First: Vivienne Easton
Second: Kirsty Wilkinson

New Business

2. Financial report and annual financial statement from the accountant.
Read and ratified.

Reported by: Alesha Hobbs - Financial Administrator

First: Vivienne Hill

Second: Karen Walker

It was discussed that HBAT is waiting upon the renewal of it's contract with the Ministry of Health. The contract ended in June of this year. As a result, there has been no income since this time.

There is \$44,000 in the savings account, which are the home birth community carryover funds. These savings are from Community Birth Services who held the original contract with the MOH to provide home birth services. This money is left in the savings to be used only in the event of a failure to secure a contract.

3. Election of Officers.

Eva Neely to remain chair.

Secretary is Alesha Hobbs, the current administrator

First: Kirsty Wilkinson

Second: Karen Walker

Treasurer is Sarah Lockwood as an incoming trustee.

First: Alesha Hobbs

Second: Karen Walker

4. Chairperson, Eva Neely, reported on: What have we achieved this year as HBAT?

MOH funding applications. We have a surplus of \$13000 from the last few years. Please do get in touch for grants, the trust is happy to support the regions with financial grants.

Eva facilitated a Parents Centre workshop in Wellington this past year, promoting Home Birth. Encouraged to uphold a presence in antenatal classes in various regions.

Eva had a meeting with minister Genter from a consumer perspective about midwifery funding, she was receptive to this meeting.

Eva did a consumer forum for HBAT last week (AIM included!) was overall good. MQSP included, getting women's voices heard at the ministry, birthing women. The Ministry now has 7 people in maternity which is positive.

Social media and email enquiries have been good, with a dedicated contractor to manage this side of things.

Eva presents at NZCOM meetings 3 times a year.
Hoping to have an NZCOM consumer conference next year.

Attended Joan Donley forum on behalf of HBAT.

Personalised rack cards have been funded and printed for regional groups. Please enquire if your region would like some.


Supported Home Birth Canterbury for conference.

Explained the governance role of the trust. All trustees are voluntary, with 2 paid contractors, Alesha and Sian.

We meet monthly to talk about ideas and brainstorm, with the contractors following up on this guidance and doing the jobs behind the scenes.

Resignations: Tammi Heap, Alison Barret, Sharon Knightbridge, Harriet Moir, Sian Hannagan . Kirsty Wilkinson is stepping back into an apprentice role while she finishes her midwifery study.

You don't have to be on the trust to be involved, feel free to contact us to get a link to join in on our monthly meetings.



On International day of the midwife, we did a social media campaign around birthing rights.

We ran a myth busting campaign that was really effective in terms of the numbers of engagement. Sian did a great job of putting the content together for this.

Helped fund Annabelle Farry's research on ARM.

Assistance with community grant applications

Ideal: lobbying for home birth antenatal education- Eva to approach the ministry.

5. Regional Group reports were read or spoken by regional representatives. Alesha Hobbs asked that any reports not yet forwarded to her to be sent through for use in MOH reporting.
6. Gifts were given to Home Birth Canterbury to say thank you for their efforts in hosting the conference.
7. Meeting closed 0400PM